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Before "Background of the Invention" please insert:

CROSS REFERENCE

This application is a continuation of patent application serial number 09/822,952 filed March 30, 2001.

Please amend Example 1 on page 11 as follows:

On exemplary composition that produces the drug release morphology of Figure 3c includes an EVAL polymer with ~~66~~ 56 weight percent ethylene groups, 43.32 weight percent vinyl alcohol functionalities and 0.68 weight percent vinyl ether groups. The weight percent refers to the percent of the total drug release system weight. The vinyl ether groups ~~were~~ are functionalized with PEO-isocyanate, which forms a urethane linkage, using groups that have a molecular weight of a side group of 3200 g/mol. The side groups comprise 33 weight percent of the total EVAL/PEO polymer. The composition of the PEO-isocyanate blend is 75 weight percent functionalized EVAL and 25 weight percent drug. This composition gives rise to a 50 weight percent hard, bulk phase and a 50 percent drug/PEO side chain phase. The final structure is a lamellar structure.